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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedules "A", "C" and "E")

**"AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The English language  
4 shall be the official language of the state. Neither the state nor any  
5 political subdivision of the state shall require by statute, ordinance,  
6 regulation, order, program or policy the use in the state of any  
7 language other than English. Subject to the provisions of subsection (b)  
8 of this section, governmental officials and employees shall be bound  
9 by the provisions of this section during the performance of  
10 government business. No governmental document shall be valid,  
11 effective or enforceable unless it is printed in the English language.  
12 The state and all political subdivisions of the state shall take all

13 reasonable steps to preserve, protect and enhance the role of the  
14 English language as the official language of the state. (b) The state and  
15 political subdivisions of the state may act in a language other than  
16 English (1) to assist students who are not proficient in the English  
17 language by providing educational instruction in languages other than  
18 English to provide as rapid as possible a transition to English, (2) to  
19 provide foreign language instruction as part of a required or voluntary  
20 education curriculum, (3) to allow for Latin on the state seal and on  
21 government documents, (4) to allow legislators to communicate with  
22 constituents in languages other than English, (5) to comply with  
23 federal laws, (6) to protect public health and safety, and (7) to protect  
24 the rights of criminal defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this  
25 section shall prohibit the printing of proper names."